

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of : Yoshifumi Yanagita, et al.  
Group Art Unit : 1657  
Application No. : 10/541,389  
Examiner : Herbert J. Lilling  
Filed : July 1, 2005  
Docket No. : 12218/67  
For : METHOD OF COLLECTING HIGHLY PURE  
POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE FROM MICROBIAL CELLS

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Official Action dated December 10, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration based upon the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.